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For: ENDOSCOPIC IMAGING SYSTEM MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO DETACHABLY
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This is in response to the Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Non-Provisional Application mailed February 21, 2002 indicating that pages 7 and 8 of the Specification and Figures 1-17, 20, 24-31, 33-36, 38, 40, 42 and 44-46 were not received by the Patent Office. Submitted herewith is a copy of the postcard receipt indicating that all 75 pages of the Specification and 29 sheets of drawings containing Figures 1 through 46 were received by the Patent Office, as well as a copy of the application transmittal, indicating that these were the items included in the application package.

Since it is suspected that the some of the pages may have been inadvertently separated from the other papers after receipt by the Patent and Trademark Office, a duplicate copy of the items listed in the Notice are attached hereto for the convenience of the Patent and Trademark Office.

It is respectfully submitted that no fee should be charged to the Applicant. If, however, a fee is required for any reason, it can be charged to the undersigned's Deposit Account #15-0700.

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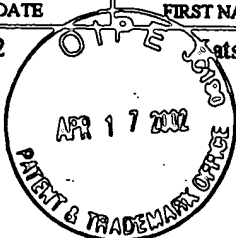
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NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEM(S) IN A NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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A filing date has been accorded to the above-identified nonprovisional application papers; however, **RECEIVED** item(s) appear to have been omitted from the application:

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- o Page(s) 7 & 8 of the specification (description and claims).
- o Figure(s) 1-17, 20, 24-31, 33-36, 38, 40, 42 & 44-46 described in the specification.

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I. Should applicant contend that the above-noted omitted item(s) was in fact deposited in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with the nonprovisional application papers, a copy of this Notice and a petition (and \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) with evidence of such deposit must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this Notice. The petition fee will be refunded if it is determined that the item(s) was received by the USPTO.

II. Should applicant desire to supply the omitted item(s) and accept the date that such omitted item(s) was filed in the USPTO as the filing date of the above-identified application, a copy of this Notice, the omitted item(s) (with a supplemental oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 referring to such items), and a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 (with the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) requesting the later filing date must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this Notice.

III. The failure to file a petition (and petition fee) under the above options (I) or (II) within TWO MONTHS of the date of this Notice (37 CFR 1.181(f)) will be treated as a constructive acceptance by the applicant of the application as deposited in the USPTO. **THIS TWO MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b).** In the absence of a timely filed petition in reply to this Notice, the application will maintain a filing date as of the date of deposit of the application papers in the USPTO, and original application papers (i.e., the original disclosure of the invention) will include only those application papers present in the USPTO on the date of deposit.

In the event that applicant elects not to take action pursuant to options (I) or (II) above (thereby constructively electing option (III)), amendment of the specification to renumber the pages consecutively and cancel incomplete sentences caused by any omitted page(s), and/or amendment of the specification to cancel all references to any omitted drawing(s), relabel the drawing figures to be numbered consecutively (if necessary), and correct the references in the specification to the drawing figures to correspond with any relabelled drawing figures, is required. Any drawing changes should be accompanied by a copy of the drawing figures showing the proposed changes in red ink. Such amendment and/or correction to the drawing figures, if necessary, should be by way of preliminary amendment submitted prior to the first Office action to avoid delays in the prosecution of the application.

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UNIT HAVING EXTERNAL EXPANSION FACILITY AND
ADD EXPANSION FACILITY FOR IMPROVING
CAPABILITY OF SYSTEM
Assignee : Olympus Optical Co., Ltd.

The present application is a divisional under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of prior application Serial No. 09/120,559, filed July 22, 1998, by Katsuyuki Saito, et al. entitled "ENDOSCOPIC IMAGING SYSTEM MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO DETACHABLY ATTACH EXPANSION UNIT HAVING EXTERNAL EXPANSION FACILITY AND ADD EXPANSION FACILITY FOR IMPROVING CAPABILITY OF SYSTEM".

Enclosed herewith please find the following documents in the above-identified application for United States Letters Patent:

- X Print EFS Data Sheet
- 75 Pages of Specification including Abstract and Claims
- 12 Numbered Claims Calculated as 12 Claims for Fee Purposes
- 29 Sheets of Drawing Containing Figures 1 to 46. (Formal)
- X Copy of Declaration and Power of Attorney from the prior application under 37 CFR 1.63(d). The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.
- X Preliminary Amendment
- X Priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 based on Japanese Application Nos. H9-197114, filed July 23, 1997; H9-201565 filed July 28, 1997; H9-206679, filed July 31, 1997 and H-9-208123,

filed August 1, 1997, is claimed. The certified copy of the priority application has been filed in said prior application Serial No. 09/120,559, filed July 22, 1998.

 Small Entity Status is claimed

 X The prior application was assigned to Olympus Optical Co., Ltd. and was recorded on July 22, 1998 at Reel 9351, Frame 0738.

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Other features and advantages of the present invention will be fully apparent from the description below.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figs. 1 and 3 relate to the first embodiment of the present invention;

Fig. 1 is a block diagram showing an overall configuration of an endoscopic imaging system;

Fig. 2 is a front view showing a configuration of a front panel of a camera control unit shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a diagram showing a variant of the camera control unit, which is shown in Fig. 1, included in the endoscopic imaging system whose capability can be expanded;

Figs. 4 and 5 relate to the second embodiment;

Fig. 4 is a front view showing a structure of an expansion slot;

Fig. 5 is a sectional view of the expansion slot shown in Fig. 4;

Figs. 6 and 7 relate to the third embodiment of the present invention;

Fig. 6 is a sectional view showing a structure of an expansion slot;

Fig. 7 is a sectional view showing a structure of a variant of the expansion slot shown in Fig. 6;

Figs. 8 to 16 relate to the fourth embodiment of the present invention;

Fig. 8 is a sectional view showing a structure of an expansion slot;

Fig. 9 is a sectional view showing a structure of an outer side of the expansion slot shown in Fig. 8 and its surroundings with an expansion unit mounted in the expansion slot;

Fig. 10 is an oblique view showing component members to be assembled into the expansion slot shown in Fig. 8;

Fig. 11 is an oblique view showing a structure of the expansion unit shown in Fig. 9 which is seen from the face thereof;

Fig. 12 is an oblique view showing the structure of the expansion unit shown in Fig. 9 which is seen from the back thereof;

Fig. 13 is an oblique view showing a structure of a variant of the expansion unit shown in Fig. 11;

Fig. 14 is a sectional view showing a structure of a first variant of the expansion slot shown in Fig. 8;

Fig. 15 is a diagram showing a structure of a second



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